press, 1094 Mahanagari Express, 1028 Dadar Express and 135 Bareilly Fast passenger trains, which can be availed of by the passengers originating from Jaunpur City. Himgiri and Shramjeevi Express trains are highly-patronised long-distance trains and it is not feasible to allot any quota at Jaunpur City by these trains at present.

(b) Difficulties of shunting at Varanasi consequent to extension of Kashi Express to/from Gorakhpur.

Cancellation of trains

1122. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of trains have been cancelled in the North Eastern Region of the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is fact that half of the North East is yet to be connected by rail links;

(d) if so, the reasons for cancellations of trains; and

(e) by when Government propose to link the entire North-East by rail link and to restore the cancelled trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a), (b) and (d) 8 pairs of trains have been cancelled on Northeast Frontier Railway to conserve diesel Locomotives for the peak season traffic or due to difficult law and order situation in the region.

(c) All North East states except Meghalaya have rail heads.

(e) The line from Dudhoni to Depa providing connection to Meghalaya has been included in the Budget for 1992-93.

Some of the cancelled trains will be restored during April, 1992 and the rest on getting security clearance from the Government of Assam.

Central clearance for projects and schemes from Tamil Nadu

1123. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the projects and schemes submitted by the Tamil Nadu Government pending for clearance with Central Government;

(b) the date since when these are pending and the steps Government have taken in each case; and

(c) if no action has been taken so far, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) A statement is attached.

Statements

List of Projects / Schemes received from Tamil Nadu pending clearance

Sl. No	Details of the Scheme/Projects	Since when Pending	Present Position
1	2	3	4
	NATIONAL—HIGHWAYS DEVELOPMENT WORKS		
1.	NH-49—Strengthening the weak two lane pavement at Km 21/0—26/0.		
2.	Strengthening the existing two lane pavement in Km. 207/570—217/0 on NH-7.	Feb., 1992	Under scrutiny.
3.	Strengthening the existing two lane in Km. 2266/00 to 268/00 on NH-45.		
4.	NH-45 R.O.B. & approaches at Km. 165/4 at Kandampakkam.		

CRF works

The Tamil Nadu Government had forwarded in June 1990, 577 schemes costing Rs. 392.90 crores under their CRF programme for 8th Plan period. These scheme could not be processed for approval as actual augmentation of CRF in accordance with the Revised Resolution passed by Parliament on 13-5-88, has not taken place so far. As soon as actual augmentation takes place, the schemes will be processed for approval taking into account *inter-se* priorities and available of funds etc.

Decalaration of National Highways

The State Government had recommended in August, 1991 declaration of 16 roads totalling 3355 Km. as new National Highways in 8th Plan. Decision on these can be taken only after the finalisation provisions, availability of funds etc.

E & I Loan Assistance programme

The State Government had sent in September 1991, 13 road/bridge Projects for Central Loan Assistance under the E & I Assistance programme. The decision about approving these projects can be taken only after finalisation of the 8th Plan be the Planning Commission when the outlay for E & I Programme becomes known.

Amendment to Motor Vehicle Act for Movement of Foodgrains

1124. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that strict enforcement of the Motor Vehicles Act is creating problems for movement of foodgrain as the truck operators are refusing to carry loads beyond the permitted load of nine tonnes;

(b) whether the Department of Civil Supplies have approached his Ministry for amendment to the Motor Vehicles Act for allowing truck operators to carry foodgrains load upto 12 tonnes; and

(c) if so, whether Government have examined the proposal and by when the Motor Vehicles Act is likely to be amended?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFANCE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Diversion of National Highway No. 37

1125. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to divert the National Highway No. 37 from the Kaziranga National Park;

(b) if so, what is the alignment of the diversion;

(c) whether Government have sanctioned the requisite funds for the diversion; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFANCE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The project is in the investigation stage. A sum of Rs. 5.60 lakhs has been sanctioned for carrying out prefeasibility study for determining alternative alignment.

Amendment to Motor Vehicles Act

1126. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a High-Powered Review Committee has recommended for comprehensive amendment to the Motor Vehicles Act 1988 and the Central Motor Vehicles Rules 1989 and